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USSR: Brezhnev's Speech in Baku

President Brezhnev's address to Communist Party officials in Baku yesterday reflected Moscow's cautious assessment of the chances for improved Sino-Soviet relations any time soon and its currently limited leverage in the Middle East. [redacted]

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The Soviet leader said it would be "very important to achieve a normalization, a gradual improvement of relations" with China as part of a process of detente unrestricted to any part of the world. He nonetheless proposed no concrete steps to achieve closer ties with Beijing. [redacted]

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Brezhnev said nothing about the situation in Lebanon or the Iran-Iraq war. He also avoided commenting on Soviet-US relations. [redacted]

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On Third World issues, Brezhnev urged developing countries to play a more important role by presenting a united front in international forums such as the Arab League and the OAU. He cautioned Third World nations that the West is their real adversary. [redacted]

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SOUTH AFRICA - ANGOLA: Increasing Military Activity

South African military activity in southern Angola and northern Namibia is again on the upswing. [REDACTED]

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//Angola claims that South African aircraft recently bombed Cahama.

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Comment: //The South Africans probably bombed Cahama--which they last attacked in mid-July--to discourage Angola from setting up a forward radar base. The recent increased activity near Ngiva could be associated with operations against Cubans near Mupa or against SWAPO or Angolan targets.// [REDACTED]

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NORTH KOREA - CHINA: Kim Il-song's Visit Ends

//The visit to China of President Kim Il-song, which ended on Saturday, highlighted the two countries' intentions to maintain solid ties during the transition to new leadership in both capitals.// [redacted]

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Comment: //The hospitality shown Kim during his 11-day visit, the first by a foreign leader since the 12th Party Congress, underscored--particularly to Moscow--that China is North Korea's closest ally. Although the Chinese leaders implied in public statements that they still support stability on the peninsula, Beijing moved closer to North Korea's position on the US military presence by calling for "immediate" US troop withdrawals from South Korea--a signal that Beijing will be less sensitive to US interests there.

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//The North Koreans almost certainly want the visit to offset the advantages South Korea has gained from its improved relationship with the US over the last two years.

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[redacted] P'yongyang probably hopes that a strong demonstration of Chinese support for Kim will help in the Third World, where Beijing is also expending greater political effort, and strengthen the North's attempts to isolate Seoul internationally.// [redacted]

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